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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Official Action of June 2, 2005, relating to the above-identified application.

The rejection of Claims 1 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Official Action alleges that the expression regarding the "compound containing an unsubstituted NH₂ group" is unclear and indefinite. Applicants invite attention to the fact that the European patent document EP 0 004 019 A2 contains the same language in German with respect to the unsubstituted NH₂ groups. The relevant words in German are "unsubstituierte NH₂-Gruppen" as highlighted in the enclosed copy of Claim 1 from that document. Also, the corresponding U.S. patent 4,369,096 (copy enclosed) establishes that this expression is also recognized in the United States and accepted by the PTO; see col. 6, lines 29 et seq., Claims 3, 7.

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